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PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

States Members of the United Nations which are members of the Group of 77: draft resolution

Preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development

The Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolutions 45/216 of 21 December 1990 and 47/176 of 22 December 1992, and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, 1991/93 of 26 July 1991, 1992/37 of 30 July 1992 and 1993/4 of 12 February 1993,

Reaffirming also General Assembly resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, 45/199 of 21 December 1990, containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade and 46/151 of 18 December 1992, containing, inter alia, the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s,

and chapter 5, on demographic dynamics and sustainability, of Agenda 21, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held at Rio de Janeiro from 3 to 14 June 1992,

Recognizing the particular importance of population issues in the context of economic growth and sustainable development processes, and conscious of the necessity of giving priority to the issues related to population and development in the multilateral agenda,

Aware of the political impetus that has been given to the issue of population in the international agenda since the decision of the United Nations to hold its meeting on population,

Noting the appointment of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund as Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development and of the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis of the Secretariat as Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference,

Considering the primacy of the General Assembly as policy-making body of the United Nations system,

1. Recommends that the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development become a subsidiary body of the General Assembly and, in this context, that the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session be submitted, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its forty-eighth session and considered under the agenda item entitled "International Conference on Population and Development", stipulated in Assembly resolution 47/176 of 22 December 1992;

2. Requests the provision of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations, with the aim of assuring adequate, substantive and successful preparations for the Conference and, for this purpose, requests that the following measures be taken:

(a) Assurance of a continuation of the dialogue between the Secretary-General of the Conference and all Member States participating in the Preparatory Committee at its second and third sessions;

(b) Expansion of the duration of the third session of the Preparatory Committee from two weeks to four weeks, as well as provision of adequate conference servicing for the Preparatory Committee's work;

(c) Strengthening of the capacity of the Conference secretariat to enable it to perform the task entrusted to it;

1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8), resolution 1, annex II.

3. Expresses its appreciation for the extrabudgetary contributions that have been made to the trust fund established to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed among them, in participating fully and effectively in the Conference and its preparatory process, and invites all Member States and organizations in a position to do so to further support this fund;

4. Reaffirms the importance of ensuring the coordination within the United Nations system by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, through the Administrative Committee on Coordination, of the inputs to the Conference;

5. Also reaffirms the significance of the media, and requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to make use of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in promoting the objectives and activities of the Conference;

6. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the Conference, to present a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, under the agenda item entitled "International Conference on Population and Development".